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CENTRAL FAX CENTER****FEB 25 2008****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re the Application of: **Takao Ozawa et al.**Group Art Unit: **2836**Serial No.: **10/540,274**Examiner: **Robert L. DeBeradinis**Filed: **February 27, 2007**P.T.O. Confirmation No.: **1467**For: **VEHICLE ANTITHEFT DEVICE****RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION**Commissioner for Patents  
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Docket 050400

**February 25, 2008**

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2007. This paper is a petition for an appropriate extension of time, if needed. Please charge any fees needed for such an extension of time, and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to **Deposit Account No. 01-2340**. Consideration is requested of the following Remarks:

§ 102. Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Carlo, US 4,958,084. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claim 1 recites

*1. A vehicle antitheft device ... comprising:*

*an actuator to actuate a predetermined theft preventing function;*

*a supplier to supply an electric current to in-vehicle electric equipment*

*other than the starter, after said collation is completed but before electric current is sent to the starter; and*

*a limiter to limit activation of said predetermined theft preventing function*

*when a current is first supplied to said in-vehicle electric equipment.*